## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Medicines Optimisation Briefing**

## **Supply Interruption: Clenil Modulite 100mcg Pressurised Metered Dose Inhalers**

**Chiesi have acknowledged issues with the supply of Clenil 100mcg strength.** <https://www.chiesi.uk.com/coronavirus-update-supply-of-chiesi-products>

Supply interruption has been caused by unprecedented demand and Chiesi:

* **will be unable to meet the current increase in demand for Clenil™ Modulite™ 100mcg pressurised metered dose inhalers** and
* **cannot guarantee un-interrupted supply** of this product over the next month.
* At present this is **the only Chiesi product** affected by this situation and we are taking all possible actions to ensure the continued supply of all other Chiesi medicines.

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| **Advice:**   * Check whether the patient has sufficient supply using the clinical system. If ordered early, a phone call can confirm whether they have enough. * Issue alternative prescriptions as an acute.   **Option1:**  Discuss an alternative brand with the dispenser to provide product of equivalent strength and maintain same dosage instructions  - change in brand of device must be communicated to patient\*.  **Option 2:**  Consider using a different strength Clenil inhaler device and change dosage instructions to provide an equivalent dose – dosage instruction change must be communicated to patient.  *\*being aware of differences in particle size between QVAR and Clenil*. |

NICE[[1]](#footnote-1) has developed tables to support recommendations on inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) dosages in the NICE guideline on asthma.

* They indicate low, moderate and high ICS dosages for adult and paediatric maintenance therapy.
* Dosages are based on information from manufacturers’ summaries of product characteristics (SPCs), the Global Initiative for Asthma (2018), the BNF and BNFC.
* **Be aware:** Not all products have UK marketing authorisation for use at all dosages or in all ages: if considering prescribing a product outside the terms of its marketing authorisation, follow relevant professional guidance and take full responsibility for the decision. Obtain and document informed consent.

1. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng80/resources/inhaled-corticosteroid-doses-pdf-4731528781> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)